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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023

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City visioning survey deadline nears in Romulus

Romulus residents have only until Jan. 11 to be a part of the future of their community.

The final session of the Vision Romulus - Our Community, Our Future visioning process includes a survey which will ask each resident about the future of Romulus and also ask individuals for their opinions and comments on the five strategic pillars of future development. Those five pillars will become a part of the final Romulus Vision Plan. The deadline for the final Vision Survey is Jan. 11, officials said.

The survey is available at: https://www.research.net/r/Romulus2

Like previous surveys, officials said, printed copies are available at city buildings.

The survey is the final step in the Community Vision Plan launched by city officials last year which will plan city growth through 2030. City officials said the intent of the survey is to bring the community together through engagement methods in order to identify a realistic vision for the future.

The outcome of the visioning process will be a Community Vision plan that can impact future decisions on such things as planning, land use and policy making in the city, explained Mayor Robert McCraight.

McCraight said it is imperative to bring together a diverse and inclusive group of both long-term and newer residents to share input and ideas for their vision of Romulus. This is the final survey to be offered before inclusion in the overall plan, according to city officials.

The survey is being compiled and interpreted by specialists from Future iQ. A final presentation of the surtion of the results of the surveys was expected to be scheduled later this month.

Mayor Robert McCraight

Winning streak

Members of the Northville Township Board of Trustees recently honored the Northville Public Schools high school boys cross country team members for their record-breaking accomplishments this past season, including: First place honors in the 2022 Division 1 State Cross Country Championship Title; scoring 122 points at the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 1 State Championship, a whopping 74 points better than the runners-up; winning the first state championship for the Northville Boys Cross Country Team; marking the second-ever boys' team state championship for any sport at Northville High School and the record breaking third-place finish of high school junior Brendan Herger, the highest-ever finish for a Northville runner. Members of the township board of trustees officially congratulated the team members during a recent meeting.

Last words

Westland mayor to present final State of the City address

Westland Mayor William R. Wild will present his final State of the City Address next week.

Wild, who is leaving the city to take a job in the private sector, will leave the mayor's office Jan. 16. Speculation continues as to who the members of the city council may appoint to take the leadership position in the community.

Voters will select a candidate to complete the remaining two years of Wild's term in an election later this year.

Members of the council can appoint someone from their ranks to the top job and then fill that council seat with another appointment. The new mayor, however, does not have to come from the current council, one observer noted.

Wild will become president and CEO of the Midwest Independent Retailers Association based in West Bloomfield.

The association, according the website, "serves as the voice of the food, beverage and petroleum industry."

Wild said his decision was based on his desire to have more time with his family.

A graduate of John Glenn High School, Wild has served as the mayor of Westland since 2007. Wild served as a member of the city council before becoming mayor.

Wild will present the State of the City Address at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12 at SOHO Grand Banquet and Event Center located at 34615 Warren Road.

The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with light refreshments served at 6 p.m. and the State of the City Address at 7 p.m.

Wild is expected to share reports of the progress of the city and highlight projects already in the works and future plans for development growth in the community.

Westland Mayor William R. Wild will leave the city Jan. 16 to spend more time with his wife, Sherri, and three children. He will present his final State of the City Address to the community next Thursday.

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Westland residents tuning into WDIV Local channel 4 will see a familiar face during the weather reports as former city staff member Ashlee Baracy returns to WDIV.

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Canton

Veteran police captain retires from Canton department

Canton Township Police Capt. Michael Kennedy has retired, following a 21-year career with the law enforcement agency.

Kennedy was hired as a Canton police officer in 2001 and earned promotions to the rank of sergeant in 2013, lieutenant in 2016, and captain in 2022. Kennedy participated in numerous special units including TEAM instructor, evidence technician, bicycle unit, and field training officer. He also spent several years as a detective in a regional task force unit. As a sergeant, Kennedy worked as a patrol shift supervisor, leading and mentoring his officers while also taking on a variety of administrative tasks.

Following his promotion to lieutenant, Kennedy served as a leader in nearly every aspect of the department, according to police officials. His first assignment was that of platoon commander in the patrol division, overseeing the daily operations of his designated shift.

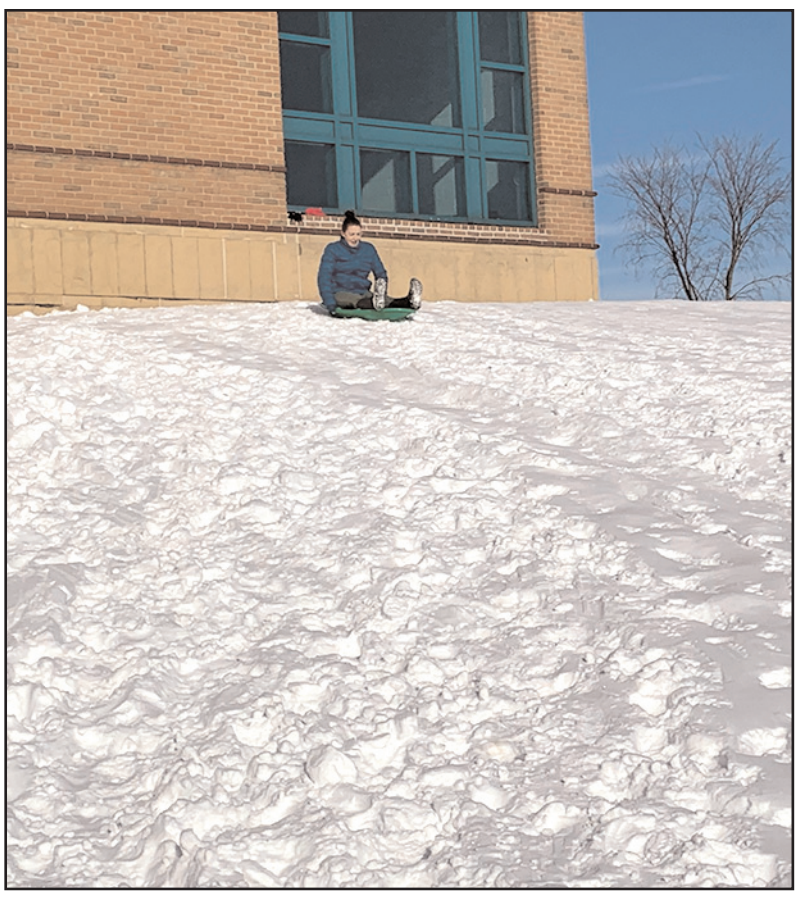
Kennedy next moved on to become the department special services lieutenant, overseeing the dispatch and lock-up center, the training division, records bureau and various other special units including recruiting and retention. From there he moved into the investigative lieutenant position where he oversaw the detective bureau, special operations and the ordinance enforcement unit. Kennedy received his prestigious promotion to captain just months prior to the announcement of his retirement.

In addition to an extensive work experience, Kennedy has a strong educational background with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and master's degree in business administration, both from Madonna University. He has also attended numerous specialized training and leadership courses, including the Eastern Michigan University Police Staff and Command School.

Starting his career as one of the youngest officers to be hired in the department, Kennedy grew into a self-motivated leader of his peers, police officials said. He led by example, displaying passion and dedication in his service to the community, and to the officers he worked with and supervised along the way, they added. Kennedy was also an active union board member for many years, representing police officers and command officers in their respective collective bargaining units.

"Captain Kennedy has always led from the front. Mike consistently looked to find solutions to improve our services to the residents. He helped our organization maintain the highest level of professionalism, including leading our re-accreditation program through his last days with our organization. In recognition of his service, his career shall serve as a model for police officers who are pursuing our noble profession. We thank him for his service and wish him well on his journey," said Police Chief Chad Baugh.

Capt. Michael Kennedy



Smooth move

With snow accumulation expected in the weather forecast, Canton Summit on the Park is bringing back the 'Lending Sled Library' through March 31. The lending program offers passersby a chance to borrow a sled for a spin down a small hill to then return it when they are done; weather permitting. The 'Need a Sled - Use a Sled - Have Fun,' set up is located at the east side of the Summit on the Park, the Canton recreation center, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188. A small sledding hill is adjacent that offers a quick little run next to the stand. A sign at the sled stand points out that sledding hills are completely unsupervised, uninspected, and ungroomed, so those who use the sledding hills are doing so at their own risk. In addition, children must be supervised at all times and all sledders must watch out for the safety of others. For more information about the Summit on the Park Sled Library, visit www.summitonthepark.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Lunch and Learn session set

The next Lunch and Learn session in Canton Township will feature students from local WDSP 88.1 The Park radio session discussing efforts to fill a local news void.

Financial downturns have seen local newspapers close or become digital only, students said, forcing a decline in local news coverage. The local student-operated radio station is working to fill that void, and becoming the local media source for the community.

Students will speak at the 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Jan. 18 Lunch and Learn session about their efforts. The event is free, but pre-registration is requested to ensure adequate seating. The meeting will take place in the first floor board room of the Canton Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center Road..

Audience members should bring a lunch or something to nibble on during the presentation organizers advised.

TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER
PLANNING COMMISSION FEBRUARY 9, 2023, MEETING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED RE-ZONING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE; that the Sumpter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on February 9, 2023, at its regular meeting commencing at 6:00 p.m. The item to be considered at this public hearing is:

• To consider re-zoning of 45476 Harris Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111, parcel # 81-013-99-0026-000; from R-2 to C1.

The complete review of the proposed re-zoning may be examined at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Written comments may be submitted by mail in care of Esther Hurst, Township Clerk, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, and may be further submitted to the Planning Commission at the public hearing.

Esther Hurst
Clerk
Sumpter Township
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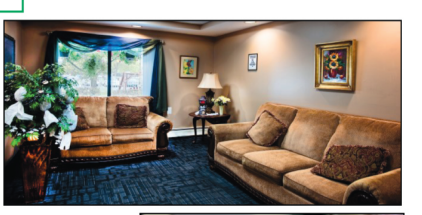

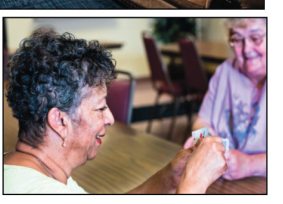

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Decedent's Estate

CASE NO. and JUDGE
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Judge
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313-224-5706

Estate of Melissa Elizabeth Bird
Date of birth: February I5, I994
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Melissa Elizabeth Bird, died April 10, 2022

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October 26, 2022

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SUMPTER - WAYNE

Trustees approve sale of township properties

The 9.32-acre of commercially zoned property adjacent to the former medical center on Sumpter Road has been sold to Kurtis Myers for $65,000.

Myers was the only bid remaining for the land following the withdrawal of a bid from Trustee Don LaPorte. Bids for the land were submitted to the township through the Moving the Mitten real estate agency. The acceptance, during a special meeting Dec. 19, followed several months of discussion and debate regarding the value of the property. During the Dec. 13 meeting, the board members discussed an offer of $60,000 from LaPorte and a "best and final offer" from Myers presented as "$5,000 above the best offer, not to exceed $67,500."

During year-long discussion regarding the sale of the property, adjacent property owner Corey Blue protested the manner in which the property was marketed. Blue claimed at several previous meetings that he had inquired about purchasing the land but was told it was not for sale. Following sometimes heated discussion at several meetings, trustees subsequently listed the property for sale with the professional real estate company.

The property was professionally appraised twice at values of $75,000 and $78,000 respectively. LaPorte submitted an offer in November of $60,000 while Myers submitted a bid of $55,000, explaining that his bid was lowered as one acre of the property was unusable.

Trustee Peggy Morgan told the board members that the bidding process was "confusing" and that she was not in favor of the sale. She suggested the township keep the land until a more attractive bid and use for the site might arise.

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Trustee Matt Oddy was also critical of the sale and the November bid process. He suggested that LaPorte and Myers be instructed to put their bids in a sealed envelope and submit them to township hall where they could be opened during a public meeting. He also objected to the bid prices offered, noting that the two appraisals, for which the township paid, were higher than either bid submitted.

"We sold the medical center and it's still there collecting dust," Oddy told the trustees.

Treasurer Bart Patterson disagreed. He said he felt these were valid offers and that real estate values had changed since last June when the appraisals were complete. He agreed that the board members could reject all offers and keep the land but that the offers from LaPorte and Myers were 80 and 86-percent of the appraised value, respectively.

"With inflation and everything going on, we should take the money and run. Our goal was to sell. I say, go with the $65,000 and call it a day," advised Trustee Tim Rush. He made a formal motion to accept the $65,000 Myers' offer which failed due to a tie vote of the board members. LaPorte recused himself to avoid any conflict-of-interest implications while Morgan, Oddy and Clerk Esther Hurst cast no votes. Rush, Patterson and Supervisor Tim Bowman voted in favor of the offer.

Board members agreed to Oddy's suggestion asking bidders to submit final sealed offers including any contingencies to township hall for a public opening. On the advice of township attorney Rob Young, the special meeting to discuss the bids was set Dec. 19. During that meeting, trustees accepted the bid from Myers.

LaPorte did not submit a final offer for consideration.

The board members also approved the sale last month of a 14.62 acre parcel on Martinsville Road. The trustees accepted an offer of $95,000 from Clifton and Heidi Whitehouse for the land which had been appraised at $100,000 with a $5,000 real estate fee added. The purchase price was estimated at $95 percent of the appraised value, trustees said.

District classrooms to begin ALICE emergency drills

Students in the Wayne Westland Community Schools will be participating in safety drills beginning this month.

In a letter to parents, Superintendent of Schools John Dignan explained that the district staff members have been trained in ALICE (Alert/Lockdown/Inform/Counter/Evacuate) procedures which are implemented in the event of unauthorized individuals entering any school building. In January, he said, students would begin to transition from the traditional shelter-in-place lockdown drills to ALICE drills.

"ALICE training will equip our students with knowledge of what they can do in an emergency.

"It will also demonstrate how to be aware of their surroundings, explain their options, and reinforce that adults will support them," Dignan said in his letter to parents.

As part of the new protocols, students will practice the classroom ALICE drill after being instructed by their teachers, in the same way they practice fire and tornado drills.

The staff and students will be notified when an ALICE drill will begin and teachers will instruct students to quietly listen to the adult(s) in the classroom or the announcements.

During the drills, teachers will remind students that there will be options depending on the situation. Students will practice barricading and evacuating during each drill.

"As with all of our drills, there will be an emphasis on listening to the adult(s) they are with so that students can react appropriately," Dignan continued.

"We are providing this information in advance to strengthen your understanding of what we share with students and allow you to have conversations at home," the letter concluded.

Superintendent of Wayne Westland Community Schools John Dignan told parents recently that all district classrooms would begin ALICE emergency safety drills.

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Northville - Plymouth

Holiday gift
Grant to fund upgrades to railroad museum exhibit

The year 2022 ended on a happy note for the Plymouth Historical Society members.

The society was awarded a grant of $65,000 from the Margaret Dunning Foundation to renovate and enhance the railroad depot exhibit space on the Plymouth Historical Museum "Main Street."

Plans include the complete renovation of the popular railroad depot exhibit with modern technologies, allowing visitors to walk inside and experience the sights and sounds of an early 20th-century railroad depot, museum officials explained. The idea is to showcase the role of trains and the local railroad station in Plymouth, circa 1885-1930, they added.

"We are so grateful to the Margaret Dunning Foundation for the support of our railroad depot exhibit upgrade, as well as all of the support it has provided the museum through the years," said Executive Director Liz Kerstens. "We are hoping to be able to open the new exhibit when the museum reopens Feb. 8."

The Plymouth Historical Museum is open to the public from 1 until 4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The facility is located at 155 S. Main St. in downtown Plymouth, next to the library. The museum will be closed Jan. 9-Feb. 7, for the construction and for an exhibit changeover to "Snapshots of Plymouth."

The new exhibit will open Feb. 8.

Since 1948, the Plymouth Historical Society, also known as the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum,, a non-profit 501(c)(3) educational and historical organization, has operated through the generosity of donors who value Plymouth's important history.

"The Plymouth Historical Museum is both proud and honored to be a valuable staple in the community," Kerstens said. The museum is dedicated to the historic preservation of artifacts and archival materials relating to Plymouth history specifically and American history generally. For more information visit: www.plymouthhistory.org.

The Margaret Dunning Foundation, which is funding the exhibit upgrade, was founded by Ms. Dunning in 1997. She was born in 1910 in Redford Township and moved with her mother to Plymouth in the 1920s. During her lifetime, Ms. Dunning was a successful businesswoman, philanthropist, and civic booster. She was a major supporter of many Plymouth nonprofits, including the Plymouth District Library and the Plymouth Historical Society. In addition to her personal philanthropy, Ms. Dunning was a classic car enthusiast and was a regular participant in the Woodward Dream Cruise with her 1930 Packard 740 Roadster.

Ms. Dunning died in 2015 at the age of 104. Her estate provided additional funding for the Margaret Dunning Foundation, which continues to support her charitable interests and legacy. For more information: www.margaretdunningfdn.org.

A grant from the Margaret Dunning Foundation will fund enhancements to the railroad depot exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Northville welcomes 3 new police officers to department

The Northville Township Police Department recently welcomed three new members of the law enforcement team in the community.

Joining the township police force are, from left, Ofc. Natalie Rivest, Ofc. Roger Khattar and Ofc. Emily Key.

Police Chief Scott Hilden, second from right, and Township Clerk Roger Lundberg officially welcomed the officers to the township last month when each took their oath of office at Northville Township Hall.

The Northville Township Police Department was the first agency in the state of Michigan to apply for accreditation through the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police receiving prestigious accredited status in February, 2018.

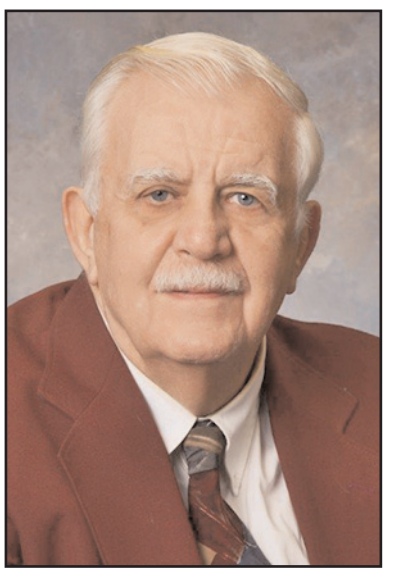
INKSTER - ROMULUS

Honored

Bill Wadsworth chosen as Person of the Year

An extraordinary example of public service will be honored by the Romulus community during a special celebration later this year.

Honored will be William J Wadsworth, the longest serving member of the Romulus City Council and the moving force in multiple community improvements during his more than five decades in the city. Wadsworth has been named the 2023 Romulus Person of the Year, the 36th individual to ever be accorded the honor by the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce.



William Wadsworth

Wadsworth, a 55-year resident of the city, was selected for his dedication and devotion to improving the community of Romulus, a spokesman from chamber said. One of his most public efforts was the funding and construction of a new animal shelter in the city. Wadsworth was determined to replace the aging and inadequate facility located in an old fire station in the city. It took many years, but Wadsworth both organized and worked at multiple fundraising activities, including special bingo nights and charity bowling outings. In addition, he was responsible for cash donations of more than $355,000 donated by local residents and businesses. In addition, Wadsworth obtained in-kind donations of materials and services totaling more than $42,000.

His efforts led to the construction of the current animal shelter located on Wayne Road in Romulus.

Wadsworth and his wife, Virginia, are the parents of three adult sons, all graduates of the Romulus Community Schools. Following his three years in the United States Army, Wadsworth joined the Wayne County Sheriff's Department where he served from 1969 until 1982. During that time, Romulus was part of his patrol area as no municipal police department had been established. In 1982, Wadsworth began his career with the Detroit Metro Airport police, where he served as a sergeant until 2004.

Wadsworth has served on multiple city boards and commissions in the City of Romulus and is a long-time member of the Romulus Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife have been members of Saint Aloysius Church for more than 50 years where he has also volunteered for multiple events, including the former Labor Day weekend festival the church sponsored annually.

William Wadsworth, Romulus Person of the Year for 2023, stands with the award committee who selected him for the prestigious honor.

A chamber spokesman said that a banquet is planned for this spring to honor Wadsworth for his extraordinary and exemplary service to the city.

Homicide investigation into death of 2 continues

The holidays were marked with tragedy for one Inkster family.

A family member went to a home in the 3600 block of Williams Street at about 1:30 p.m. Dec. 21 after being unable to reach their loved one. When the individual entered the home, they found two men unresponsive, according to Inkster Police Chief Bill Ratliff.

The family member immediately called police who responded to the home where both men were pronounced dead by emergency responders. One of the men was in his 20s and the other in his 30s, police said, while declining to provide any further information while the investigation continues.

"It's just unfortunate that during the holiday season this type of thing has to happen," Ratliff said. "It's going to continue to happen until members of the community and members of law enforcement get together and work together to stop this violence in the communities. It absolutely makes no sense that this is happening."

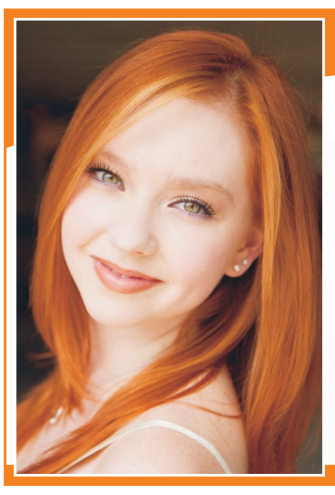
> *We will get who did this.*
> *But we need to stop it from happening again.*

Ratliff said the cause of death of the two men was not yet determined and that the relationship between the two remained unknown at press time. The deaths are being treated as a double homicide by investigators from the Michigan State Police and the Inkster Police Department..

"We'll find out who did it," Ratliff said. "We will get who did this. But we need to stop it from happening again.

"I am frustrated. I'm frustrated because this is a great community and it's unfortunate that people lose their lives senselessly like this, and we have very little -- if any -- cooperation from witnesses or citizens who we know know things."

Anyone with any information regarding the deaths or the men involved is asked to contact Inkster police at (313) 563-9850.



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Westland

Civil Service job testing now under way

Civil Service testing for jobs in the City of Westland is now under way, officials said.

The testing will create a list of qualified applicants for filling any current and future laborer positions, they added. Qualified individuals must submit a resume and completed city job application to determine eligibility.

Minimum requirements include a commercial driver's license with special endorsement preferred or obtained within six months from date of hire. Training will be provided, officials said. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED equivalency, certificate (25-48 credit hours resulting in certificate), or associate's degree in any skilled trades preferred or the equivalent education and/or work experience.

Work is performed primarily outdoors and in all types of weather. Candidates must be able to work overtime, including nights, weekends and holidays and must be able to pass a new hire physical and drug screening.

The city is offering competitive pay and a comprehensive benefits package; see AFSCME Local 1602 Collective Bargaining Agreement on the Personnel Department page at https://www.cityofwestland.com/240/Personnel for more information.

Applications and resumes will be accepted through 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20. No applications will be accepted after that time.

For placement on the Civil Service Eligibility List, only applicants who successfully complete the written test will move onto the oral interview portion of the process.

Applications and resumes will be accepted in person or by mail at: Westland City Hall, Personnel Department, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185. The documents may be emailed to Personnel@CityofWestland.com or faxed to (734) 422-1214.

Applications and resumes will be accepted through 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20. No applications will be accepted after that time.

Testing dates will be emailed to applicants within three business days of submission of applications.

For more information, call (734) 467-3263.

The city will be filling several vacancies upon completion of the testing process, officials said.

Welcome home

Former city staff member rejoins WDIV weather team

Westland residents tuning into WDIV Local channel 4 will see a familiar face during the weather reports.

Ashlee Baracy has returned to the area and joined the ClickOnDetroit weather team. Baracy is a Westland native and a graduate of John Glenn High School. She earned her degree at the University of Michigan and began her television career at the City of Westland WLND-TV city cable station. She worked as a host, writer and communications coordinator in the Community Media Department of the city before joining Local 4 as a traffic reporter.

Ashlee Baracy

While at the WDIV, Baracy earned her meteorology degree from Mississippi State University and moved to WBNS-TV in Columbus, Ohio about seven years ago. She was named as the first female chief meteorologist ever at the Ohio station where she also won an Emmy Award for her outstanding work.

Baracy is married and the mother of two children.

Key note

Westland Mayor William R. Wild, left, officially recognized longtime resident William "Bill" Ziemba with a Key to the City recently. Ziemba was honored for his 16 years of patriotic and meritorious service as chairman of the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA), the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA). "Bill has also served our community as a city councilperson (1986 - 1990), a Planning Commissioner, a Zoning Board of Appeals member, and he still serves us on the Building Board of Appeals. Bill Ziemba has certainly served our community with distinction in his 55 years as a Westland resident," Wild said.

Special needs registry offered

Families with special needs members can now register with the Westland Police Department to ensure appropriate responses.

The police department has established a 911 registry for Westland families who live with someone who has disabilities, such as autism or Alzheimer's disease. Residents can complete a form and submit it to the department. The pertinent information will be entered into the dispatch system, alerting officers to any special circumstances at the residence.

If officers are dispatched to an address that has completed the registry form, an alert will be placed on the address notifying police of any pertinent information before responding. The goal of the registry is to prevent situations such as lights/siren causing an epileptic seizure or miscommunication when interacting with someone who is non-verbal or autistic.

The form is available at the Westland Police Department and at Westland City Hall during business hours, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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